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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/729,709	<b>Applicant(s)</b> HEINZ STOCKLER	
	<b>Examiner</b> Jeffrey J. Restifo	<b>Art Unit</b> 3618	

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#### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 December 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 12/5/03 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☒ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Priority***

1. Acknowledgment is made of applicant's claim for foreign priority based on an application filed in Switzerland on 12/5/02. It is noted, however, that applicant has not filed a certified copy of the Swiss application as required by 35 U.S.C. 119(b).

### ***Specification***

2. The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because line 1 recites the phrase "The present invention relates to", which can be implied and should be removed. Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

### ***Claim Objections***

3. Claim 8 is objected to because of the following informalities: Claim 8, line 2 recites a trademark name "Velcro" which is not permitted in the claims and should be changed to "hook and Loop fastener", and should have every letter capitalized when recited in the spec., i.e. VELCO. Appropriate correction is required.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

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5. Claims 1-5, 8, and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Taube et al. (US 6,279,926 B1).

Taube et al. discloses a transport comprising a case 200 with an opening in the lower region and a handle in the upper region, and a transport device including 210 with horizontal and vertical plates 300 and a strip or fastening means 240 for securing the case to the transport device, as shown in figures 5-9.

With respect to claims 4 and 5, the tent is an intended purpose for the transport and therefore little patentable weight has been given to the tent structure, such as feet, rods, and posts, however, if a tent were stored in the case of Taube et al. it would inherently be above the transport device.

With respect to claim 8, Taube et al. discloses the strip as having hook and loop fasteners, or Velcro, as recited in col. 9, lines 33-35.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

6. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

7. Claims 6, 7, 10, and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Taube et al., as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Winton (US 5,879,022 A).

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Taube et al. does not disclose the wheels as being detachable or longitudinal zipper. Winton does disclose a cart comprising detachable wheels 58 with outer ring and hub 44, wherein said wheels can be stored in an upper chamber 30 and cover 20, and longitudinal zipper (not numbered), as shown in figures 1-3. it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to have provided the transport of Taube et al. with the detachable wheels and compartment with cover and zipper of Winton in order to compact the transport for storage.

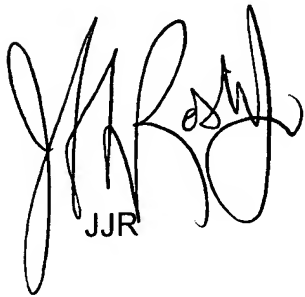
With respect to claim 11, simply adding a second transport is not patentable unless it produces an unexpected result, therefore it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to have provided a second transport as taught by Taupe et al. and modified by Winton in order to transport a larger case or steady the case upright.

### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jeffrey J. Restifo whose telephone number is (571) 272-6697. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (10:00-6:00), alternate Friday off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christopher P. Ellis can be reached on (571) 272-6914. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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